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In re Application of  
Michael O. Okoroafor et al.  
Application No. 09/690,595  
Filed: October 17, 2000  
Attorney Docket No. 1636A1

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed August 24, 2006, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely and proper manner to the non-final Office action mailed, March 27, 2002, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. A two-month extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) was obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on August 28, 2002.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of an Amendment; (2) the petition fee of \$1500; and (3) an adequate statement of unintentional delay.

37 CFR 1.137(b)(3) requires a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. Since the statement contained in the petition varies from the language required by 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3), the statement contained in the petition is being construed as the statement required by 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3). Petitioner must notify the Office if this is not a correct interpretation of the statement contained in the petition.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Terri Williams at (571) 272-2991.

The application file is being referred to Technology Center 1712 for further processing.

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